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EDITORIALS

A NEW SORT OF "DRIVE"

We quite agree with our friend, Editor Ginther, of Brookneal when he writes that "the public is becoming quite fully fed up on the continually increasing numbe: and seemingly enteveal continuity of 'drives' for ills, that and the other thing." He goes on to point out that we are scarcely out of one of these "drives" ere we are hustled into another and on occasion we find ourselves beset by two or more at the same time. He might have added that very frequently there are veiled threats to civic pride in case the community fails to meet some "quota" assigned it.

A pratical type of "community chest" for smaller communities, is badly needed, We'd rather have a major effort once a year, lumping all the "drives" into one, than keep many of our best citizens tied up in "passing the hat" week in and week out.

Having agreed with Editor Ginther on the bumper crop of fund-raising drives, we must also agree with him on a new type of drive which he advocates. That is a drive for Sunday School attendance. He says: "This new drive is called 'Take your family to Sunday School.'"

The world sorely needs the wonderful teachings of the Bible, and Sunday School, by and large, offers the best vehicle for studying what Holy Writ teaches. Spiritual beliefs can flower into richness of character. One never is too young or too old to benefit by study of God's Word. One never graduates from Sunday School. Take the family.

DEFENSE THOUGHTS

One of the dark chapeters in our history is that concerning the failure of our leaders after World War I to heed the plea of General "Billy" Mitchell for more attention to air power in national defense plans. Mitchell was court martialed out of the armed service and all the medals voted him after his death don't make amends. We wasted hundreds of millions of dollars keeping up out-dated naval vessels and building new ones which were of limited value. Continued discussion of this angle is not necessary, save to remind us that air power is the key to success in modern warfare.

Our Congress seems to be aware of us. The Lower House has voted for a 70-group Air Force, and the people approve. We believe that the people will also favor a curtailment of naval expenditures as an economy measure. We are sold on the desirability of building super aircraft carriers to deliver the atomic bomb, for example. The modern "Billy Mitchell's" have shown that all bombs can be delivered from land bases.

Radar, interceptor planes and anti-submarine devices are the core of our defenses. Land-based planes and a highly trained technical force of key personnel comprise our best offense. Plus full appropriations for improving existing arms for mass production if and when needed.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

SAFE ENOUGH

(Winchester Star)

People don't ask "How safe is air travel?" as often as they did a few years ago. But, for those who do ask that question, American Airlines has just provided a convincing answer. In three years its planes flew a total of 4,154,637,050 passenger miles without a single fatal accident to an air traveler.

There have been tragic airplane crashes in the past; there will probably be others in the future. No form of transportation devised by man has ever been able to eliminate accidents completely. But when a major airline, like American, can show this kind of record an argument over whether or not is is safe to fly begins to sound academic.

AGAIN THE "IMPONDERABLES"

(New York Times)

President Truman's "bold new program for making the benefits of our scientific advances and industrial progress available for the improvement and growth of undeveloped areas" comes into the news again with the announcement that Dr. Isaiah Bowman has been named to head ACA's new "colonial development division." Dr. Bowman, former president of Johns Hopkins University and a distinguisher geographer, will try to find new supplies of much needed raw materials in the colonial territories of the Marshall Plan countries. He will do this, it is assumed, with the aid of Western—particularly American—technicians. Perhaps we may see in this the first step toward a three-year tapering-off of direct foreign aid, with private and semi-private enterprise taking its place.

The Truman program is necessarily long-term and unDramatic; it does not involve the appropriation of billions of dollars; and although it was briefly explained by the President on Inauguration Day and certain elements of it were presented by Assistant Secretary of State Willard L. Thorp to the Economic and Social Council on Feb. 25 it is probably not yet fully understood by the public.

Yet its day is coming, for the simple reason that though there is an end to loans or gifts of billions of public dollars there is no end to what the President called our "unponderable resources." This nation has a great though not exclusive mastery of the arts of production. Its technologists, in cooperation with those of other countries, might peacefully revolutionize human life on earth if they had the opportunity. Think of China, India, Central Africa, the Near and Middle East, the upper reaches of the Amazon—how much could be done there with improved seeds, fertilizers, methods of cultivation, stock breeding; how much with known weapons against disease; how much with roads, drainage, irrigation, power plants; how much with education; how much with new hopes!

The program is capitalistic, and capitalism is viewed, east of the Elbe and in enclaves elsewhere, as a wolf feeding on human sheep. But the imperialism of the wolf was never complete and now it is outdated. We know now that we prosper as our neighbors prosper. There can be a private profit in raising living standards the world over, and only fanatics seeing the reflections of the earth in distorting mirrors can call this profit sinful. When regulation is needed it can be had through United Nations agencies, to which Mr. Thorp appealed, and through the actions of democratic governments.

The idea gathers momentum, however slowly. On the results, in fact, not words, will greatly depend the shape of democratic civilization after the Marshall Plan deadline of 1952.

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Greek army reports some success against rebel forces.

Brush, grass, and debris burners were responsible for 190 fires in Virginia during 1948.

Reds charge that Finland seeks Lapland base.

Guerrilla war still going on in Indonesia.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:27-9:1, 31-34; 10:32-34, 45
LESSON TOPIC: Jesus Predicts His Death
GOLDEN TEXT: Mark 8:34
READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Trail of The Cross

Lesson for April 3, 1949

THE TURNING-POINT in Jesus' career was dramatic. But the few friends who were present did not then realize what it meant. On a vacation journey.

Dr. Foreman

Jesus put to his most intimate friends this question: "Who do men say that I am?" Peter's answer, "Thou art the Christ," may sound obvious to us, but was not obvious then.

It was sensational, so much so that Jesus did not want the publicity that would come to him if that name "Christ" were freely circulated. For the word "Christ" meant nothing less than "King." To the Romans it would sound like treason; but to the Jews it would sound like Judgment Day.

When Peter said, "You are the Christ," he was implying also: "You are immortal. You are the coming conqueror of the world. You are not in the same class with any other man. You will do for mankind what no other hero has ever done."

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God's View and the Devil's

ON ALL THAT glowing devotion Jesus' next announcement fell like icy rain. In the ears of those friends of his it sounded like the bell of death. Never before had Jesus told them anything like this, and they must have found it hard to belive. For he had not a word about a throne, nothing about success, nothing about mastering the world. Quite the contrary. He must "suffer many things . . . be rejected . . . be killed." If they heard the words "rise again" too, the words made no impression.

For Jesus had announced what to them seemed impossible, absurd: He, the Christ, would be killed! Small wonder that Peter broke out—No, No! But Jesus would not compromise. He even called Peter "Satan" for thinking as he did.

The Christian church agrees with Jesus, not with Peter. We realize today, as Peter himself did afterwards, what the Cross of Christ means.

Buddha, founder of a very different religion, died in old age of overeating. Can you imagine Jesus doing that? Suppose Jesus had taken Peter's advice and made arrangements to retire comfortably where he would never see a cross? Then we never should have heard of him. He would not have been worth hearing from.

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One Cross is Not Enough

YES, WE KNOW now that the Cross of Christ is important. But we are a good deal like Peter, after all. For we do not listen to what we do not like to hear. And the next words of Jesus, on that historic occasion, must have sounded then as they do now, most chilling of all. "Whosoever would come after me, let him take his own cross and follow me." In Jesus' time no one was ever seen carrying a cross who was not already under sentence of death and on his way to be executed.

Translated into modern terms, what Jesus said would sound as horrible as this: Any man who wishes to follow me must take his seat on the electric chair . . . must take his place in the lethal chamber . . . must put his neck in a noose . . . and follow me.

One cross is not enough. There must be other crosses. My road is a death-march. I want for my followers only those who are willing to take the same trail.

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Trail of the Cross

SUCH WORDS sounded harsh then; they do still. But in the light of the centuries, we can see what Jesus meant, better than that little band of frightened men around Jesus who did not want to hear the words "suffer . . . die." Jesus was not advocating pain for pain's sake.

Why did Jesus set his own face toward the cross? The Christian answer is, He did it—for others. Now what is wrong with the world today? It isn't that we don't wish our neighbors well; but the trouble is, we don't want to be bothered, our good-will is too tender to stand any strain, we will do anything for other people provided it doesn't hurt.

But the world can be saved only as men and women imitate and multiply the spirit of the crucified Christ.

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MISS RAND REVEALS A MILITARY SECRET

(Baltimore Sun)

"This balance between weight and durability," said Miss Sally Rand in an interview, "has been bothering me for years." And Miss Rand, one of the most durable figures in the entertainment field, was not discussing her own weight, as many diet-conscious women might suppose. As the nation's foremost bubbleuse, Miss Rand was describing the technical difficulties involved in the manufacture and inflation of the five-foot balloons that she must keep between her and her audience.

In the absence of pure rubber, Miss Rand is currently depending on the polymerization of butadiene to achieve synthetic protection in her work as an uncovered agent. "Incidentaly," she says, "I have been told that some of my experiments with materials and gases were of some value to the government in developing target balloons.'

Here, indeed, is a becoming merger of science and the arts, proving that in total war there is a place for everyone's contributions. It seems perfectly obvious, now that the military secret is out, that Miss Rand's balloons must have made particularly compelling targets for anti-aircraft gunners. The public can only wonder why Government officials did not pin the Army and Navy E award on Miss Rand —unless they were baffled by the problem of where to pin it.

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Retired Policeman Makes Things Tough for Crooks

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y. — Melvin H. Rauch still is making things tough for the crook even though he has retired from the Mount Vernon police department.

Rauch, 48, is not toting a gun or a night stick any longer. His new role in the battle against crime is that of an inventor.

His invention is a simple, inexpensive metal device that looks something like a slide rule. With it, almost any door can be locked from the inside and no key in the world will open the door from the outside.

The invention is aimed at those thieves who use skeleton keys, or pass keys, to open doors in hotels, apartments and private homes. The device also guards against a lock being picked.

It operates simply. One hooked end of the device is placed in the strike plate; or jam. The door is then closed and most of the device, which is a thin strip of metal, extends on the inside of the door.

A latch then is slid into tight position against the door. Pronto, the door is locked so that no key can open it. The latch is slid backward when a person desires to remove the device and open the door.

Rauch said the idea of the invention came to him during one of his many investigations of robberies by thieves who had used skeleton keys to enter a home.

His invention is protected by patents and a large manufacturer now is putting the device into production.

The device weighs only a few ounces and is no longer than a tooth brush. It can be carried in a man's pocket or in a woman's handbag. Rauch says his invention should prove especially helpful to those who travel.

It's official name will be the "fool thief."

Italain Senate votes approval of signing Atlantic Pact.

Switzerland votes to continue its policy of armed neutrality.

The week of April 17-25 was Virginia's "hottest" forest fire period during 1948. During that week more than 150 fires burned in areas scattered throughout the state.

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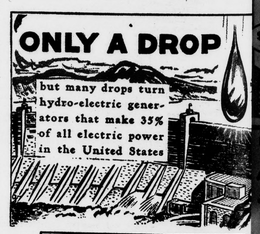

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pout Spring

Spout Spring, March 29.- Mr. and s. Walker Walton visited Mrs. rge Carson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon, of Richd were guests of his parents day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. William Moon and daughter visited his parents Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zastrow were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin and children visited her parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin visited her parents Sunday.

Mrs. Woodson, of Lynchburg, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Ferguson.

Stonewall

Stonewall, March 29.- The Sunday School of Stonewall Presbyterian Church is goin to be reopened on next Sunday morning, after being closed for three months. Everybody is welcome.

Clayton Drinkard, Jr., of Camp Pickett is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard before he leaves for California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith and Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and family and Aubrey Burnette, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children spent the week-end with his parents at Natural Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited relatives in Roanoke last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, of Rustburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Younger, at Rustburg last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chat Chapman and children, of Farmville and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Martin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son visited Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson over the week-end

Mr. and Mrs. H'ggett, Drinkard and son, Lee spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chick.

Oakville

Oakville, March 29.- Calvin Hubbard Martin spent Sunday with Louis Walker Moore.

Miss Helen Martin, of Roanoke, spent last week-end at her home here.

Mrs. C. F. Moore,Mrs. Bob Wagner and children visited Mrs. C. Roland Smith, Sr., Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlie Page and son, Roy, spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland Smith, Sr.

Mrs. T. L. Page is visiting her children and their families in Farmville this week. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lucado's daughter are visiting Mr. Page during her absence.

Faye Moore spent Friday night with Gail Drinkard.

Mrs. Harry Lucado spent last week-end with relatives in Newport News.

Geraldine Lucado spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lucado.

David Martin, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Moore spent Sunday afternoon in Lynchburg.

Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr., spent week-end before last with her father, A. M. Goodman, at Spout Spring.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Ocie Moore and Mr. Tom Gardner are ill. We hope they will soon be recovered.

Mrs. E. B. Martin has returned to her home after having spent several weeks in Florida and Tennessee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Moore, of Richmond, on March 28, a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnette Smith and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kern, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Moore Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Moore and family, of Richmond visited relatives near here last week-end.

CORN BORER CONTROL ADVISED

The corn borer, which meant a $130,000,000 loss to growers in 28 states during the past four years, has made a few exploratory passes at corn fields in northern Virginia, say specialists at V. P. I.

While not yet a serious threat to Virginia corn, the insect can become a full-fledged nuisance if allowed to gain much leeway, they say.

Here are their suggestions for control:

Destroy borers before adult moths emerge by plowing cornfields clean, and shredding or ensiling cornstalks used for fodder.

Plant the varieties of corn recommended for a particular locality and plant them on recommended dates.

Check growing young corn carefully in early summer.

In sweet corn plants, if 25 or more corn borer egg masses are found to every 100 plants, treat with DDT about the time the corn is knee high.

Chemical treatment is not recommended for field corn.

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